

# Hosack happenings

Thursday, December 6, 2018

## “Hour of Code” (also Computer Science Education Week)

This past week, HES students and staff participated in the “Hour of Code” sponsored by [Code.org](http://Code.org). During this time students around the world got an introduction to computer programming- *no prior experience required*. Students (or teachers) choose how to spend their Hour of Code through game-based activities online or on their iPads. There are “unplugged” activities for those that don’t want to use technology for the Hour of Code. This is a worldwide initiative with tens of millions of learners in over 180 countries! Games (also called tutorials) are designed for all ages in over 45 languages. The goals of the event are to “demystify” coding, showing that anyone can learn the basics, and to promote computer science as an option for future careers. [Please refer to this resource for more information and links to some of the activities.](#) Happy coding!



## Important Attendance Reminder

Please read this very important [letter](#) from Dr. Mathieson in reference to submitting documentation for all absences and tardies. The North Allegheny School District has updated their attendance policy in accordance with the standards set by the state of Pennsylvania.

## Diversity Awareness Project

We currently are housing the ‘In Our Family: Portraits of All Kinds of Families’ exhibit from Family Diversity Projects. This project displays pictures and descriptions of the various kinds of families that make up our world. To build on this project, we are creating an Instagram project entitled [#HosackWhoWeAre](#). Click [here](#) for more information and how you can help.



## Paper Tubes Needed for 4th Grade

Fourth grade students and teachers are collecting wrapping paper tubes, paper towel tubes, and ribbon spools for an upcoming STEM Activity. Please send in any items you have with your child over the next few weeks as you find them. Wrapping Paper Tubes work best, even the ones that are rolled brown paper! All donations should be submitted by Wednesday, December 19th! However, we will be taking donations of supplies after Winter Break as well!

## Birthday Book Club

Do you have a December birthday? Sign up for our Birthday Book Club. Click [here](#) to purchase a book in honor of your child’s birthday! Please make sure you contact Cathy Scalamogna in the library at [cscalamogna@northallegheny.org](mailto:cscalamogna@northallegheny.org) to let her know which book you purchased.



**\*\*We have so much to share about what’s happening at Hosack! Please read the next page\***

**Remember to check the HES website frequently for school activities and general information.**

**[Click here to visit the Hosack Elementary School website.](#)**

**[Click here to access the Hosack Elementary School Parent Faculty Association \(PFA\) website.](#)**